

Section 4: Mediterranean Civilizations  
The Fertile Crescent

### A. Key Terms

**Directions:** Match the definitions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

#### Column I

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. the belief in one god
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. a set of symbols that represent the sounds of language
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. to force someone to live in another country
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. a time when there is so little food that many people starve

#### Column II

- a. alphabet
- b. monotheism
- c. famine
- d. exile

### B. Main Ideas

**Directions:** Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which people were a great sea power?
  - a. the Babylonians
  - b. the Assyrians
  - c. the Phoenicians
  - d. the Israelites
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The first alphabet was developed by
  - a. Hammurabi.
  - b. the Israelites.
  - c. Solomon.
  - d. the Phoenicians.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Who led the Israelites to develop a belief in one god?
  - a. Solomon
  - b. Abraham
  - c. David
  - d. Moses
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Israelites originally left Canaan for Egypt because
  - a. they were persecuted for their religion.
  - b. other people were jealous of their wealth and power.
  - c. they did not have any trading partners.
  - d. there was not enough food to eat.